

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/009,990 Confirmation No. 6720  
Applicant: : Earl Harling, et.al.  
Filed : June 30, 2003  
TC/A.U. : 3743  
Examiner: : Amadeus S. Lopez  
  
Docket No. : NIDN-73132  
Customer No. : 36335

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 10, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Applicants hereby Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response for three (3) months from January 10, 2007 through April 10, 2007. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$1020.00 to Deposit Account No. 502-665.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.16(j) or 37 CFR 1.136(a) which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-665 in the name of GE Healthcare, Inc.

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